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PERICRANIUM. *n. s.* [from *περι* and *cranium*; *pericranium*, Fr.] The *pericranium* is the membrane that covers the skull: it is a very thin and nervous membrane of an exquisite sensibility, such as covers immediately not only the cranium, but all the bones of the body, except the teeth; for which reason it is also called the periosteum.

Having divided the *pericranium*, I saw a fissure running the whole length of the wound. *Wise man's Surgery.*

PERICULOUS. *adj.* [*periculosus*, Lat.] Dangerous; jeopardous; hazardous. A word not in use.

As the moon every seventh day arriveth unto a contrary sign, so Saturn, which remaineth about as many years in one sign, and holdeth the same consideration in years as the moon in days, doth cause these *periculous* periods. *Brown.*

PERIERGY. *n. s.* [*περι* and *εργον*.] Needless caution in an operation; unnecessary diligence.

PERIGEE. *n. s.* [*περι* and *γει*; *perigee*, Fr.] Is a point in PERIGEE. *n. s.* [*περι* and *γει*; *perigee*, Fr.] Is a point in the heavens, wherein a planet is said to be in its nearest distance from the earth. *Harris.*

By the proportion of its motion, it was at the creation, at the beginning of Aries, and the *perigee* or nearest point in Libra.

PERIHELION. *n. s.* [*περι* and *ήλιος*; *perihelion*, Fr.] Is that point of a planet's orbit, wherein it is nearest the sun. *Harris.*

Sir Isaac Newton has made it probable, that the comet, which appeared in 1680, by approaching to the sun in its *perihelion*, acquired such a degree of heat, as to be 50000 years a cooling. *Chene's Philosophical Principles.*

PERIL. *n. s.* [*peril*, Fr. *peril*, Dutch; *periculum*, Lat.]

1. Danger; hazard; jeopardy.

Dear Pyrocles, be liberal unto me of those things, which have made you indeed precious to the world, and now doubt not to tell of your *perils*. *Shakespeare, b. ii.*

How many *perils* do unfold

The righteous man to make him daily fall. *Fairy Queen.*

In the act what *perils* shall we find,

If either place, or time, or other course,

Cause us to alter th' order now assign'd. *Daniel.*

The love and pious duty which you pay,

Have pass'd the *perils* of so hard a way. *Dryden.*

Strong, healthy and young people are more in *peril* by

pestilential fevers, than the weak and old. *Arbutnot.*

2. Denunciation; danger denounced.

I told her,

On your displeasure's *peril*,

She should not visit you. *Shakespeare, Winter's Tale.*

PERILOUS. *adj.* [*periculosus*, Fr. from *peril*.]

1. Alterations in the service of God, for that they impair the credit of religion, are therefore *perilous* in common-weals, which have no continuance longer than religion hath all reverence done unto it. *Hooker, b. v. c. 2.*

Her guard is chastity,

She that has that is clad in complete steel,

And like a quiver'd nymph with arrows keen

May trace huge forests and unharbour'd heaths,

Infamous hills and sandy *perilous* wilds. *Milton.*

Dictate propitious to my duteous ear,

What arts can captivate the changeful fear:

For *perilous* th' assay, unheard the toil

To elude the presence of a God by guile. *Pope.*

Into the *perilous* flood

Bear fearless. *Thomson.*

2. It is used by way of emphasis, or ludicrous exaggeration of any thing bad.

Thus was th' accomplish'd squire endur'd

With gifts and knowledge *perilous* shrewd. *Hudibras.*

3. Smart; witty. In this sense it is, I think, only applied to children, and probably obtained its signification from the notion, that children eminent for wit, do not live; a witty boy was therefore a *perilous* boy, or a boy in danger. It is vulgarly *perilous*.

'Tis a *perilous* boy,

Bold, quick, ingenious, forward, capable;

He's all the mother's from the top to toe. *Shakespeare.*

PERILOUSLY. *adv.* [from *perilous*.] Dangerously.

PERILOUSNESS. *n. s.* [from *perilous*.] Dangerfulness.

PERIMETER. *n. s.* [*περι* and *μετρον*; *perimetre*, Fr.] The

compass or sum of all the sides which bound any figure of what kind soever, whether rectilinear or mixed.

By compressing the glasses still more, the diameter of this

ring would increase, and the breadth of its orbit or *perimeter*

decrease, until another new colour emerged in the centre of the last. *Newton's Opticks.*

PERIOD. *n. s.* [*περι* and *οδος*; *periodos*, Fr.]

1. A circuit.

2. Time in which any thing is performed, so as to begin again in the same manner.

Tell thee, that the sun is fixed in the centre, that the

earth with all the planets roll round the sun in their several

periods; they cannot admit a syllable of this new doctrine. *Watts.*

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3. A stated number of years; a round of time, at the end of which the things comprised within the calculation shall return to the state in which they were at beginning.

A cycle or *period* is an account of years that has a beginning and end too, and then begins again as often as it ends. *Holder on Time.*

We stile a lesser space a cycle, and a greater by the name of *period*; and you may not improperly call the beginning of a large *period* the epocha thereof. *Holder on Time.*

4. The end or conclusion.

If my death might make this island happy,

And prove the *period* of their tyranny,

I would expend it with all willingness;

But mine is made the prologue to their play. *Shakespeare.*

There is nothing so secret that shall not be brought to light

within the compass of our world; whatsoever concerns this

sublunary world in the whole extent of its duration, from the

chaos to the last *period*. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

What anxious moments pass between

The birth of plots and their last fatal *periods*.

Oh! 'tis a dreadful interval of time. *Addison.*

5. The state at which any thing terminates.

Beauty's empires, like to greater itates,

Have certain *periods* set, and hidden fates.

Light-confering stones must be set in the sun before they

retain light, and the light will appear greater or lesser, until

they come to their utmost *period*. *Digby.*

6. Length of duration.

Some experiment would be made how by art to make plants

more lasting than their ordinary *periods*; as to make a stalk

of wheat last a whole year. *Bacon's Natural History.*

7. A complete sentence from one full stop to another.

Periods are beautiful, when they are not too long; for so

they have their strength too as in a pike or javelin. *B. Johnson.*

Is this the confidence you gave me,

Lean on it safely, not a *period*

shall be unaid for me. *Milton.*

Syllogism is made use of to discover a fallacy, cunningly

wrapt up in a smooth *period*. *Locke.*

For the assistance of weak memories, the first words of

every *period* in every page may be written in distinct colours.

Watts's Improvement of the Mind.

From the tongue

Th' unfinished *period* falls. *Thomson's Spring.*

To PERIOD. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To put an end to. A

bad word.

Your letter he desires

To those have shut him up, which failing to him,

Periods his comfort. *Shakespeare, Timon of Athens.*

PERIODICAL. *adj.* [*periodiques*, Fr. from *period*.]

1. Circular; making a circuit; making a revolution.

Was the earth's *periodical* motion always in the same plane

with that of the diurnal, we should miss of those kindly in-

creases of day and night. *Derham.*

Four moons perpetually roll round the planet Jupiter, and

are carried along with him in his *periodical* circuit round the

sun. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*

2. Happening by revolution at some stated time.

Astrological undertakers would raise men out of some slimy

soil, impregnated with the influence of the stars upon some

remarkable and *periodical* conjunctions. *Bentley.*

3. Regular; performing some action at stated times.

The confusion of mountains and hollows furnished me with

a probable reason for those *periodical* fountains in Switzerland,

which flow only at such particular hours of the day. *Addison.*

4. Relating to periods or revolutions.

It is implicitly denied by Aristotle in his politics, in that

discourse against Plato, who measured the vicissitude and mu-

tation of states by a *periodical* fatality of number. *Brown.*

PERIODICALLY. *adv.* [from *periodical*.] At stated periods.

The three tides ought to be understood of the space of the

night and day, and then there will be a regular flux and re-

flux thrice in that time every eight hours *periodically*. *Brown.*

PERIOSTEUM. *n. s.* [*περι* and *οστος*; *periosteum*, Fr.]

All the bones are covered with a very sensible membrane,

called the *periosteum*. *Chene's Philosophical Principles.*

PERIPHERY. *n. s.* [*περι* and *περι*; *periphery*, Fr.] Circum-

ference.

Neither is this sole vital faculty sufficient to exterminate

noxious humours to the *periphery* or outward parts. *Hare.*

To PERIPHERY. *v. a.* [*periphysen*, Fr.] To express one

word by many; to express by circumlocution.

PERIPHRAIS. *n. s.* [*περιφρασις*; *periphrasis*, Fr.] Circum-

locution; use of many words to express the sense of one:

as, for death, we may say, *the last of life*.

They make the gates of Thebes and the mouths of this

river a constant *periphrasis* for this number seven. *Brown.*

She contains all blis,

And makes the world but her *periphrasis*. *Cleaveland.*

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They shew their learning uselessly, and make a long *peri-*

phrasis on every word of the book they explain. *Watts.*

The *periphrasis* and circumlocutions, by which Homer ex-

presses the single act of dying, have supplied succeeding poets

with all their manners of phrasing it. *Pope.*

PERIPHRASTICAL. *adj.* [from *periphrasis*.] Circumlocutory;

expressing the sense of one word in many.

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